IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Bantval Jayant Baliga Serial No.: To Be Assigned Filed: Concurrently Herewith

For: VERTICAL MOSFETS HAVING TRENCH-BASED GATE ELECTRODES

WITHIN DEEPER TRENCH-BASED SOURCE ELECTRODES AND METHODS

OF FORMING SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sirs:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows. If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.